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SUBJECT: CENTO MINISTERIAL: ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONIAL ARRIVAL AND OPENING SESSION APRIL 19

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1. AT MEETING OF CENTO CONFERENCE LIAISON OFFICERS FROM EMBASSIES IN LONDON APRIL 14, FCO REPS INFORMED US OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONIAL ARRIVAL OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AT LANCASTER HOUSE AND THE CENTO OPENING SESSION ON APRIL 19. FOLLOWING POINTS WERE STRESSED:
2. ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS OTHER THAN THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT LANCASTER HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 8:55 A.M. AND BE SEATED NOT LATER THAN 9:15.
3. IF IT IS RAINING, THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY WILL BE

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CANCELLED AND THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS WILL SIMPLY ARRIVE BETWEEN 9:15 AND 9:25 (SINCE THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 9:25 IF THERE IS AN ARRIVAL CEREMONY, HE MAY PLAN ON THAT TIME IN EITHER CASE).

4. ASSUMING AN ARRIVAL CEREMONY, WHEN THE SECRETARY'S CAR ARRIVES IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE PORCH THE OCCUPANTS

SHOULD ALIGHT ON THE NEAR SIDE. HE WILL BE GREETED BY THE VICE MARSHAL OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE WILL THEN TURN AND FACE THE GUARD OF HONOR. THE BAND WILL PLAY A SALUTE, WHICH SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE DOFFING OF HATS. AT THE END OF THE SALUTE THE SECRETARY WILL BE ASKED BY THE GUARD COMMANDER TO INSPECT THE GUARD (FRONT RANK ONLY). WHEN PASSING BEHIND THE COLOUR IT SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED EITHER BY A NOD OR BY REMOVAL OF HEAD-GEAR (FCO PROTOCOL OFFICERS STRESSED THIS SEVERAL TIMES AND EVEN REHEARSED IT WITH US).

5. FCO OFFICERS NOTED IT MAY STILL BE QUITE COLD AT THAT TIME OF MORNING SO THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD HAVE AN OVERCOAT AVAILABLE.

6. AT THE END OF THE INSPECTION THE SECRETARY WILL BE ESCORTED BY BRITISH OFFICERS INTO LANCASTER HOUSE TO JOIN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

7. WHEN THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ARE ASSEMBLED, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL INVITE THEM TO TAKE THEIR SEATS. AFTER THEY ARE SEATED THERE WILL BE FIVE MINUTES PHOTOGRAPHY. AFTER A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN, THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOLLOWED BY THE IRANIAN, PAKISTANI, AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND THEN THE SECRETARY AND FINALLY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL SPEAK.
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